

Town of Superior
Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC)
Meeting Notes
May 15, 2014

Members of the Committee in attendance: Sherin Tedeschi, Margaret Parish, Jill Kenny, Patricia Dunham, Matt Finnegan, Ken Lish, Shawn Samuelson. Quorum present.

Other in attendance:

Town Board Liaison: Sandy Pennington

Staff: Patrick Hammer

Non-Agenda Items:

1. With Margaret Parish completing her term with the OSAC committee, Margaret presented a brief overview of the history and accomplishments of the committee since its inception, passing the baton so to speak and asking the committee to remain focused on acquisition of the priority properties in town. The committee expressed their appreciation of all her contributions during her tenure on the committee.

Agenda Items:

1. Updates and Look ahead
 - a. Beginning Bird Walk Recap (May 10 at 10:00 a.m. at Autrey Park) – 32 participants from the community attended the Beginning Bird Walk in Autrey Park on May 10. The event went very well.
 - b. Hodgson-Harris Reservoir Dam Rehabilitation Project - The County has awarded Kelly Trucking the contract for the Hodgson - Harris Dam Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$844,380. Kelly's project manager has indicated that the project may start as early as the first week in June.
 - c. Outdoor Education Schedule – staff continues to work with the contract outdoor education coordinator to finalize program logistics for the remaining outdoor education programs:
 - Jeff and Paige Concert in the Park, July 18, 6-7:30 p.m., Community Park
 - Denver Zoo Colorado Alive, August 7, 3-4 p.m., Fire Station Meeting Room
 - Bug Hunt, September 6, 9-11 a.m., Rock Creek – Autrey Park
2. Discussion - Superior Town Center. The Committee reviewed the Superior Town Center Planned Development Amendment that was reviewed by the Town Board during their May 12 meeting. The Committee discussed several items including the five dedicated civic space parcels, use designations and impacts of development near the Coal Creek corridor. The Committee continues to express its concerns that the overall lack of open space within the proposed town center project is of great concern and wishes that more attention and realization that over programming what little space there is will

significantly diminish areas for quiet enjoyment outdoors within the boundaries of the project. In addition, if the amendment is passed as is, it further reduces what little green space or natural open space is allocated to the project, specifically a reduction of an additional acre due to the land swap with the discovery project and 3 acres of Parcel 3 if it is allocated "Active Recreation" which is currently being evaluated for developed courts, pool, etc...in essence the town is providing the developer land to build his amenities for his development which is inappropriate allocation of civic space. The committee believes that the percentage allocated to open space in the PD should be retained; therefore, if the swap and parcel three amendments are granted, the developer should replace/provide for four acres of additional open space elsewhere in the development to maintain the integrity of what was approved in the original PD.

The Committee passed the following motions unanimously:

- a. The Committee recommends maintaining the current designation on Parcel 3 as "Civic Space, programming to be determined by the Town", and further recommends that 3.0 acres of the 3.59 acres in Parcel 3 as specified in the approved Planned Development be retained as manicured green-space and or natural open space. Furthermore, the Committee recommends the Developer maintain the sanctity of the cemetery site, providing for a quiet and respectful environment on areas surrounding the site. Additionally, the Committee recommends that the Developer conduct an engineering study on the sloped hillsides in Parcel 3 to ensure that the integrity and contour of the existing slope is protected and that the detention pond will not be adversely affected by any grading in the area. The findings of the study should be presented to the Town Board and members of the Open Space Advisory Committee for review and discussion. Based upon the results of the commissioned study, the developer should be required to provide for slope stabilization and detention pond preservation as needed.
- b. The Committee recommends that a proper engineering analysis, and all local, state and federal environmental and wildlife impact studies, be conducted on the Coal Creek corridor areas adjacent to Parcels 1 and 2 prior to any development. The study should define the creek corridor boundaries, which must be considered prior to any potential development including programmable spaces. Furthermore, the committee requests that an environmental impact study be prepared to determine what limitations (such as artificial lighting and synthetic turf) should be considered prior to developing the area. The Open Space Advisory Committee is concerned that the installation of synthetic turf and its rubber base would seep into the creek and the soil on its borders, especially during flooding. The Committee further recommends that Parcel 1 and 2 be

developed as either manicured green space, grass (not synthetic) fields, or natural open space to protect the integrity of the Coal Creek corridor.

3. Discussion – National Trails Day Event Planning. Committee chair Sherin Tedeschi, reviewed with the Committee a planning agenda for the National Trails Day event taking place on June 7. The Committee has confirmed that Rocky Mountain Rescue, the Superior Running Club, Hawk Quest and Project Coyote will be participating in the event. The Committee also solidified the day-of event timeline and giveaway items to hand out during the event. Staff will work with the Committee to begin advertising the event through all Town media.
4. Discussion – 5 year Trail Plan. Due to lack of time this item was postponed and will be discussed during the June meeting.
5. Discussion – Shan Shan Property Reprioritization. Due to lack of time this item was postponed and will be discussed during the June meeting.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 10, 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall